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**PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS**

**LANGDON MAN SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS ON FEDERAL  
“SAWED-OFF” SHOTGUN CHARGE**

**Re: United States v. Scott Shepherd**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE:** United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Keene Police Chief Arthur Walker, and U. S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Resident Agent in Charge Kraig Hankins, announced that Scott SHEPHERD, DOB 7/29/63, of Langdon, New Hampshire was sentenced on December 16, 2003 on the charge of unlawfully possessing a sawed-off shotgun.

On July 8, 2003, SHEPHERD entered a guilty plea before U.S. District Court's Chief Judge Paul Barbadoro to an information charging him with unlawfully possessing a sawed-off shotgun that was not registered in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record. SHEPHERD was arrested in possession of the shotgun on November 8, 2002, after a dispute during which SHEPHERD discharged the shotgun at the door of a Keene man's residence.

At yesterday's sentencing, U.S. District Judge Paul J. Barbadoro imposed a sentence of 36 months imprisonment followed by a 3-year period of supervised release during which SHEPHERD's behavior will be monitored by the U.S. Department of Probation..

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "This case exemplifies this office's commitment to the aggressive prosecution of the federal firearms laws as mandated by Attorney General Ashcroft's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" initiative. Keeping unlawful weapons, such as sawed-off shotguns, out of the hands of violent offenders is one of our main objectives. This office will continue to vigorously enforce the federal firearms laws as we expand the implementation of Project Safe Neighborhoods in the District of New Hampshire."

The prosecution against SHEPHERD, part of the Department of Justice's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" (PSN) initiative, resulted from an investigation conducted by the Keene Police Department and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante.